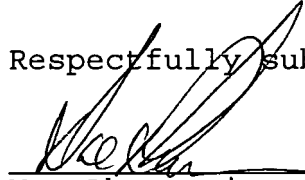


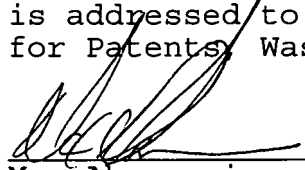
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## Abstract

A system for, or method of, playing a video provided by an optical disk, the video including within at least one segment excluded from at least one playing of the video and at least one other segment excluded from at least one other playing of the video, wherein the at least one segment and the at least one other segment may be parallel, overlapping, or transitional segments, comprising means for, or the steps of, responsive to a viewer's preference with respect to each of a plurality of content categories and responsive to segment information, interface, and system control codes provided by the optical disk, selectively retrieving segments, buffering at least a portion of a segment, and playing, from the video, a continuous version of the video differing in length than the length of the video.